

BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

May 15, 2013

Election Commission members present: Russ Anzalone, and Robbyn Tumey
Absent: John Brown, Jr.

Others present: Kim Dennison, Sharon Rose, Dana Caler, Kara Funk, and Jim Bemis

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

Commissioner Tumey called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and reported that Chairman Brown was ill and would not be attending this meeting.

Commissioner Tumey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 29, 2013 minutes. There being none, Commissioner Tumey made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business:

- A. Order Approving L&A Testing for the Bethel Heights Special Election Scheduled for June 11, 2013: Commissioner Anzalone stated that he has reviewed and approved the L&A Testing for the Bethel Heights Special Election. Commissioner Anzalone signed the order. Kim Dennison commented that during L&A Testing, two (2) of the PEB's for the County Clerk's Office in Bentonville did not work correctly and that ES&S sent two (2) replacements at no charge. Kim stated that although the two (2) PEB's were coding errors, ES&S implied that the Election Commission was at fault.
- B. Order to Appoint Kim Dennison and Sharon Rose as Election Officials to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the NEBCO Special Election to be held July 9, 2013: Commissioner Tumey made a motion to approve Kim Dennison and Sharon Rose as Election Officials to process, count, and canvass absentee ballots for the NEBCO Special Election to be held July 9, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Order to Establish the Official Polling Sites for the NEBCO Special Election to be held July 9, 2013: Commissioner Anzalone commented that Avoca Town Hall (Pct. 12), Lost Bridge Village Community Building (Pct. 13), and Garfield First Baptist Church (Pct. 14) are the three (3) precincts that will be opened for the NEBCO Special Election. Commissioner Anzalone asked for additional discussion. There being no further discussion, the commissioners approved and signed the order.

- D. Order to Establish the Official Early Voting Polling Sites for the NEBCO Special Election to be held July 9, 2013: Commissioner Tumey stated that the County Clerk's Offices in Bentonville and Rogers will be the only early voting locations for the NEBCO Special Election to be held July 9, 2013. Commissioner Tumey stated that early voting would be held July 2, 3, 5, and will conclude on July 8, 2013 with voting hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Commissioner Tumey asked Kim what the voter base was for the three (3) precincts. Kim stated 4,087 registered voters in the three (3) precincts. Commissioner Tumey made a motion to approve the County Clerk's Offices located in Bentonville and Rogers as early voting locations for the NEBCO Special Election to be held July 9, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Review and Approval of the NEBCO Special Election I votronics Ballot: Commissioners Tumey and Anzalone reviewed the I votronic ballot and accepted the ballot for the NEBCO Special Election to be held July 9, 2013.
- F. Review and Approval of the Bethel Heights Special Election Paper Ballot: Commissioners Tumey and Anzalone reviewed the paper ballot and accepted the ballot for the NEBCO Special Election to be held July 9, 2013.

Other Business:

Kim asked Commissioner Tumey how many paper ballots the commission wanted to order for the NEBCO Special Election to be held July 9, 2013. Commissioners Tumey and Anzalone agreed that 10 percent of the registered voters in each precinct would be an acceptable number of paper ballots.

Commissioner Tumey asked Kim if she had heard from the school board on the number of polling locations for the upcoming Annual School Election to be held September 17, 2013. Kim stated that the school board has not given her any information on locations to date.

Old Business:

Commissioner Tumey asked Kim if she has heard from the county maintenance department on remodeling the 650 room. Kim responded no, but she would call and report back at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

Kara Funk asked how the number of paper ballots was figured. Kim stated that it is 10 percent of the number of registered voters in each precinct and Commissioner Tumey added that there also would be two (2) I votronics in each precinct.

Announcements:

Kim announced that ES&S is scheduled to perform maintenance on the I votronics in December. Commissioner Tumey asked, if this is a part of the maintenance contract. Kim responded, yes and that they must have it completed by March 15, 2014. Commissioner Tumey asked about I votronic batteries. Kim stated that she ordered fifteen (15) new batteries last year and that monies were placed in the 2013 budget to order more as they start to fail.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Tumey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary
Prepared by Sharon Rose
Benton County Election Commission